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Re urtel 1895. German suggestion that Murphy or Merchant visit Bonn next week presents such serious difficulties that we doubt it would be feasible to arrange this. In these circumstances there seem to be two alternative responses to this request on which I would like to have your views urgently.

A) The first alternative is following letter from me to Chancellor, which you could deliver <sup>or</sup> ~~and~~ which could be delivered to Grewe if he transmits the request mentioned in your tel:

"I have received a message from Ambassador Bruce which gives me the impression that you may be feeling uneasy about developments, particularly about the direction which a quadripartite review of our positions might take. The Ambassador indicated that you might like to see one of our senior officers whom you know, such as Bob Murphy or Livie Merchant. Much as I appreciate your concern, I think this would not be feasible in the

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EUR - Mr. Merchant (in substance)

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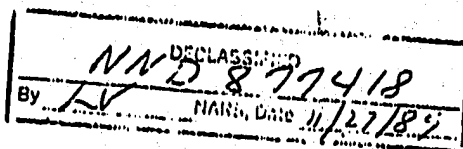
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In the present circumstances. In the Secretary's absence, both are carrying additional burdens, of course, and both are well enough known that some harmful speculation might result from a trip to Bonn.

"As you know from your talks with the Secretary and from the fact that he was our careful selection to place next to so esteemed a friend, the President and the Secretary have full confidence in the discretion and judgment of David Bruce. I hope that in these present circumstances you will feel confident that you can talk with him with complete freedom and frankness. We do need the benefits of your thoughts.

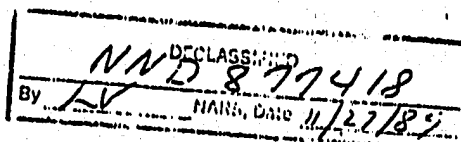
"I hope that this message will find you in the best of health."

B) The second alternative would be to reply orally, explaining <sup>noted in A)</sup> difficulties <sup>expressly</sup> about sending somebody to Bonn, ~~express~~ full confidence in you, and saying that we are prepared to call you home at once for consultations. You could thus bring with you any thoughts that the Chancellor particularly wants us to have and further receive from us our latest thinking, for you <sup>to</sup> communicate to him on your return. FYI. I envisage that ~~x~~ under this alternative you might in addition to having useful substantive consultations here in Department, <sup>be able to</sup> also call on Secretary briefly and possibly <sup>on</sup> the President. While such calls cannot be assured in advance, ~~these~~ <sup>perhaps</sup> if ~~they~~ <sup>are</sup> arranged they would serve to strengthen the impression of close consultation between us and German Government, which seems to be ~~this~~ <sup>after</sup> ~~their~~ <sup>be</sup> principal motive.

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